

About the application

Application number: 2025/90003	
What is the application for?:	Change of use from dwelling (C3) to children's residential home (C2)
Address of the site or building:	14, Harefield Drive, Birstall, Batley, WF17 0PQ
Postcode:	WF13 2DH

User comments

Type of comment: An objection	
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<p>I am writing to formally object the proposal for changing the of the property located at 14 Harefield Drive Birstall WF17 0PQ from residential to business use.</p> <p>As a resident of the area, I believe this change would have significant and detrimental effects on the character, safety, and quality of life in our neighbourhood. Below are my key concerns:</p> <p>Impact on Residential Character: This property is currently part of a well-established residential neighborhood, and altering its use would disrupt the harmonious balance of homes, which has long been a hallmark of this area. Introducing business operations would change the fundamental character of the neighbourhood and could set a precedent for further "businesses", undermining the residential feel that is intended to preserve the area's integrity.</p> <p>Traffic and Parking Issues: A business establishment would likely generate more traffic and demand for parking spaces than residential property & there certainly isn't room for 2 cars resulting in off road parking which is already a problem. If 2 staff were on duty that's 2 cats what about the numerous meetings held there with social workers health professionals councillors & such where would they park? This could lead to congestion, reduced street parking availability for residents, and increased safety concerns, especially in a neighbourhood that is not designed to accommodate illegal pavement parking. The increase in traffic volume could also exacerbate already existing traffic or pedestrian safety hazards which is already under massive pressure from parents parking on harefield drive & surrounding areas during the morning & afternoon drop off & pick up off children.</p> <p>Noise and Disturbance: Business activities typically operate during longer hours as stated untill 10pm possibly later and could generate noise and activity that would disturb the peace and quiet of a residential neighbourhood. This could affect the quality of life for surrounding residents, particularly those with children or elderly residents, or anyone who values a quieter, more private living environment.</p> <p>Decreased Property Values: If this property is allowed to be converted to business use</p>	

One of a care home for troubled teenagers whom often bring with them outside influences & problems, it may set a precedent for similar changes to other residential properties nearby which may come on the market. Such changes could lower property values in the area due to the potential noise, feeling unsafe to already vulnerable residents ie those with impressionable youngsters & elderly relatives, thus negatively affecting homeowners' investments.

Though I feel, working with vulnerable teenagers myself as a safe guarding officer, every child deserves a safe secure living environment, I feel a already close knit residential area is not the place for such a care home, along with various comments on the property owners application, which they contradict themselves & the company isn't even registered on companies house.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge Kirklees planning office to reject this proposal and maintain the property's current residential standing ensuring a peaceful living environment for all residents.

Thank you for considering my objection.

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Thank you